

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the Final Rejection that claim 23 is allowable. The subject matter of allowable claim 23 has been integrated into each of independent claims 19-21, and claim 23 has been canceled. Therefore, allowance of claims 19-21 is deemed to be warranted. The amendments were not presented earlier due to the unforeseeability of the remarks presented in the Final Rejection.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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